WE CLAIM:

1. A non-radioactive, isolated, Lipid II compound of the following formula:

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wherein:

A is a hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$; and

 W^{\dagger} is each independently a proton or cation selected 10 from the group consisting of an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkyl ammonium, and dialkyl ammonium.

2. An isolated Lipid II compound having a purity greater than or equal to 50% of the following formula:

3W+

wherein:

A is a hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$; and

- W^{\dagger} is each independently a proton or cation selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkyl ammonium, and dialkyl ammonium.
- 3. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 60%.
- 4. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 15 70%.
 - 5. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 80%.

6. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 90%.

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- 7. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 95%.
- 8. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 98%.
- 9. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 99%.
 - 10. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 99.5%.
 - 11. A process for preparing a Lipid II compound, comprising:
- (1) providing a protected disaccharide core of formula
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(2) introducing an anomeric phosphate to form a compound of formula 12

(3) introducing a polypeptide linkage to form a compound of formula 7a

(4) introducing an undecaprenyl diphosphate linkage to form a compound of formula 8a

(5) removing Pg⁰, Pg³, Pg⁷, and Pg⁸ to form said Lipid . II compound;

wherein:

5 A is hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

R² is methyl;

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$;

Pg⁰ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg³ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg4 is a carboxy-protecting group;

Pg⁵ is a hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁶ is a phosphate protecting group;

Pg⁷ is an amine-protecting group; and

Pg⁸ is a carboxy-protecting group.

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12. A Lipid II compound prepared by the process of Claim 11.

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- 13. A process for isolating Lipid II comprising isolating said Lipid II at a pH greater than 6.
- 14. The process of Claim 13 wherein said pH is between 5 6 and 12.
 - 15. The process of Claim 14 wherein said pH is between 7 and 10.
- 10 16. The process of Claim 15 wherein said pH is between 7 and 9.
 - 17. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 50%.

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- 18. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 60%.
- 19. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has20 a purity greater than or equal to 70%.
 - 20. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 80%.
- 25 21. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 90%.

- 22. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 95%.
- 5 23. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 98%.
 - 24. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 99%.

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- 25. A process for preparing a Lipid substrate, comprising:
 - (1) providing a protected disaccharide of formula 14

15 (2) introducing an anomeric phosphate to form a compound of formula 12

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(3) introducing a peptide linkage to form a compound of formula 7

(4) introducing a lipid-carrier diphosphate linkage to form a compound of formula 2

(5) removing the Pg^0 and Pg^3 groups and deprotecting the P group to produce a lipid substrate of formula 1

wherein:

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Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$;

Pg⁰ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg³ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁴ is a carboxy-protecting group;

Pg⁵ is a hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁶ is a phosphate-protecting group;

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{R}}^2$ is hydrogen, (C1-C5) alkyl or (C1-C3)

10 alkylphenyl;

X is a lipid carrier;

P attached to the carbonyl is a residue of an amino acid or peptide, wherein P comprises a protected terminal carboxy group; and

15 P' is a residue of an amino acid or peptide.

- 26. A Lipid substrate prepared by the process of Claim
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- 20 27. A lipid II analog of formula 1

wherein:

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Pg⁰ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg³ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁴ is a carboxy-protecting group;

Pg⁵ is a hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁶ is a phosphate-protecting group;

 R^2 is hydrogen, (C_1-C_5) alkyl or (C_1-C_3)

10 alkylphenyl;

X is a lipid carrier;

P attached to the carbonyl is a residue of an amino acid or peptide, wherein P comprises a protected terminal carboxy group; and

15 P' is a residue of an amino acid or peptide.